SHIPPENSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2026

The Shippensburg Area Board of School Directors met on **October 26, 2026** in the **Middle School Cafeteria** beginning at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll with all members present except as designated:

Board of School Directors

Mr. Andrew Alosi
Mrs. Becky Wolfinger
Mr. Kirk Naugle **(ABSENT)**
Mr. Mike Carey
Dr. Nathan Goates
Mr. Jim Bard
Mr. Fred Scott
Dr. Michael Lyman
Mr. Charles Suders

Administrative Staff

Mr. William August, Superintendent
Mrs. Leslee DeLong, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Caleb Barwin, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Jeremy Barnes, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment **(ABSENT)**
Dr. Troy Stevens, Director of Technology

Student Representatives

Aysia Ignacio

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

Scott made a motion, seconded by **Bard**, to approve the agenda as presented.
The motion passed unanimously.

2. CITIZENS' COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) -

None at this meeting.

3. REPORTS:

3.a. Board Reports

3.a.a. Budget and Finance
3.a.b. Buildings and Grounds
3.a.c. CAIU

- Dr. Lyman reported that during a brief meeting last Thursday, the discussion focused on the properties used by the intermediate unit to run its programming. He noted that the organization primarily operates through lease agreements, as current restrictions prevent

them from owning properties outright. Consequently, a major portion of the meeting centered on proposed legislation aimed at enabling intermediate units to own their buildings rather than relying solely on leases.

3.a.d. Curriculum and Student Engagement

3.b. Student Representative's Report: Aysia Ignacio

3.c. Superintendent's Report

3.c.a. Donation Report

3.c.b. Enrollment Report

3.c.c. LERTA (Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance) Proposal: Shippensburg Borough Representatives

- Shippensburg Borough Solicitor Sam Wiser and Borough Manager John Detowski presented a proposed Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) ordinance to the school board, requesting the school district's partnership alongside Cumberland County. Designed to spur development in underutilized and vacant downtown properties, the ordinance establishes a 10-year declining tax abatement schedule- starting at 100% in year one and decreasing by 10% annually- applied strictly to the incremental assessed value of new property improvements rather than base property values. The initiative targets commercial and first-floor commercial mixed-use properties within a designated deteriorated map area in Cumberland County over a five-year program duration. School board members expressed general support for the revitalization strategy, clarifying details regarding property assessments, historical district compliance, and student/university engagement before confirming that approving this specific downtown LERTA would not oblige the district to approve future LERTA requests.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Scott made a motion, seconded by **Wolfinger**, to approve items of the Consent Agenda 4.a-d.

4.a. Approval Minute

4.b. Finance

4.c. Personnel - Professional and Support

4.d. Personnel – Administration

4.e. Transportation

The motion passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION AGENDA – For approval at the November 9, 2026, Meeting:

5.a. SAYA Request to use the MS Gym on Sundays from JAN-MAR 2027

5.b. CAIU Barracuda Subscriptions Renewal

5.c. SASHS Marching Band Facility Request – WGI Percussion Ensemble Clinic (Sunday Use)

5.d. Global Data Consultants LLC- touchscreen laptops

5.e. CDAP Grant Application

6. ACTION AGENDA:

- **Carey** made a motion, seconded **Wolfinger**, to approve item 6.a.
    - **6.a. AG Youth Development Grant**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Wolfinger** made a motion, seconded **Carey**, to approve item 6.b.
    - **6.b. Updated Greyhound Virtual Academy Handbook, 2026-2027**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Carey** made a motion, seconded **Scott**, to approve item 6.c.
    - **6.c. Mowing Request for Proposals**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Carey** made a motion, seconded **Wolfinger**, to approve item 6.d.
    - **6.d. Vendor Phone Additions**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Carey** made a motion, seconded **Scott**, to approve item 6.e.
    - **6.e. Stadium Signage Account Management**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Scott** made a motion, seconded **Wolfinger**, to approve item 6.f.
    - **6.f. Approval to Form New High School Student Club – Bowling Club**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Carey** made a motion, seconded **Scott**, to approve item 6.g.
    - **6.g. Security Cameras for the Stadium**

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Carey** made a motion, seconded **Wolfinger**, to approve item 6.h.
    - **6.h. Sunday Facilities Usage Approval: Girls' Soccer Team**

The motion passed unanimously.

7. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

None at this meeting.

8. BOARD COMMENTS:

- Dr. Lyman raised a general question regarding curriculum fidelity, sharing that a student's experience prompted him to consider how the district ensures consistency when different teachers instruct multiple sections of the same course, such as AP Biology. While acknowledging the importance of academic freedom, he inquired about the procedures in place

to align instruction across identical courses and suggested that the new curriculum director give a brief presentation to the board on the topic.

9. INFORMATION:

9.a. Date Saver

OCTOBER:

- Wednesday, October 28, 2026
  - 5:30PM: Buildings & Grounds committee meeting

NOVEMBER:

- Monday, November 9, 2026:
  - 5:30pm: Committee of the Whole
  - 8:00pm: Planning and Action
- Monday, November 23, 2026:
  - 5:30pm: Committee of the Whole
  - 8:00pm: Planning and Action
- Tuesday, November 24th: *2 Hour Early Dismissal; 12-Month Employees Work*
  - *District Closed November 25th-November 30th; students and employees return December 1st*
- Wednesday, November 25th: *12-Month and Full-Time Employees Work*

DECEMBER:

- Tuesday, December 1, 2026:
  - 5:30pm: Committee of the Whole
  - 8:00pm: Planning and Action
    - *Board Reorganization*
- Tuesday, December 22nd: *2 Hour Early Dismissal; 12-Month Employees Work*
  - *District Closed December 23rd-January 1, 2027; students and employees return January 4, 2027.*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **8:58PM**

Caleb Barwin, Board Secretary